

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of October 9, 2009 (Office Action). The response is timely filed within the 3 month shortened statutory period, and, as such, no fee is believed due. However, the Office is expressly authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 14-1437.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC § 103

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 4-8, 28, and 30-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0052935 to Paxhia, *et al.* (hereinafter Paxhia) in view of non-patent literature reference “IBM Server iSeries System Handbook,” September 2002, pp. 1-59 to Powers, *et al.* (hereinafter Powers). Claims 2 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Paxhia in view of Powers, and in further view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0055863 to Spiegel, *et al.* (hereinafter Spiegel).

Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 28, and 35 in an effort to even more clearly define the present invention and to facilitate prosecution of the instant application. The claim amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure and no new matter has been introduced.

Aspects of Applicants' Invention

It may be helpful to reiterate certain aspects of Applicants' invention prior to addressing the cited references. One embodiment of the invention, as typified by Claim 1, is a method for configuring Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) settings.

The method can include providing a zSeries computer having only a non-graphical

user interface for manually manipulating TCP/IP configuration flat files; providing a graphical user interface for configuring the TCP/IP settings, the graphical user interface including at least one control; integrating the graphical user interface into the non-graphical user interface; accessing data contained within at least one configuration flat file containing the TCP/IP settings for the computer; displaying the TCP/IP settings based upon the accessed data within the graphical user interface; altering one or more of the displayed TCP/IP settings using the at least one control in the graphical user interface; and updating the at least one configuration flat file according to the altered TCP/IP settings. See, e.g., Specification, paragraphs [0005] and [0013] to [0015].

The Claims Define Over The Prior Art

Paxhia discloses a system and method for serving HTML pages to web browsers for the purpose of administration and configuration. A plurality of instances of WWW servers are provided, with one such instance including a configuration file which is restricted in usage and not alterable by way of any HTML configuration or administration forms. This plurality of instances of internet connection servers are managed by way of a web browser. The web browser displays and interacts with a plurality of HTML forms and corresponding common gateway interface binary programs, which are provided selectively for creating and deleting instances of servers, associating a configuration file with a server instance, changing server instance start up parameters, and starting, ending, and restarting server instances. See the Abstract.

Clearly, Paxhia concerns an administration server that is isolated from other servers (thus not adversely affected by the loading of the other servers) and enables the management of multiple copies or instances of servers. This has nothing to do with the subject matter of the present invention, which concerns providing a graphical user interface (GUI) for zSeries computers that only have a non-graphical user interface and

integrating the GUI into the non-graphical user interface, in order to facilitate configuring the TCP/IP settings for the computers.

In other words, in Paxhia an administration server with a GUI is provided for managing multiple copies or instances of other server. In contrast, in the present invention no administration server is provided; rather, a GUI is provided for each zSeries computer that only has a non-graphical user interface and the GUI is integrated with the non-GUI for configuring the TCP/IP settings for the zSeries computer. It is noted that the GUI according to the present invention does not configure or administrate other computers or servers. In contrast, in Paxhia, the web browser in one server 362 is used to configure the setting on another server 371 (see Fig. 3).

Regarding Powers, it is noted that the iSeries Navigator described in Powers is already a GUI. Therefore, the iSeries computers are not a computer having only a non-graphical user interface for manually manipulating TCP/IP configuration flat files in the sense of the present invention. In order to facilitate the prosecution of the instant application, independent Claims 1, 28, and 35 have been amended to specifically recite a zSeries computer.

The other cited references do not make up for the deficiencies of Paxhia and Powers as discussed above.

Accordingly, the cited references, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest each and every element of Claims 1, 28, and 35. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 1, 28, and 35 define over the prior art. Furthermore, as each of the remaining claims depends from Claims 1 or 28 while reciting additional features, Applicants further respectfully submit that the remaining claims likewise define over the prior art.

Applicants thus respectfully request that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned if it is believed that the above restriction election is incomplete or in any way improper. Applicants also request that the Examiner call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application to an allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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